

Lee District Nights 2006 Program

LEE DISTRICT PARK AMPHITHEATER

PERFORMANCES ARE FREE, AND BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

JUNE

June 7 Los Quetzales (Latin Dance & Music)

Laura Ortiz has a deep love for her native Mexico, and the rich cultural traditions it has maintained throughout the years. She founded Quetzales with the purpose of teaching children and adults the Mexico's wonderful blend of music and choreography through a realistic representation of Mexican folk dance tradition.

June 14 Blue Sky 5 (Swing)

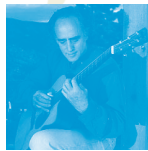
Wherever they perform, the band's fabulous musicians put on an exciting show. Whether you love to dance, miss the days when "swing was king," or just appreciate live jazz, you will dig that jive with Blue Sky 5.

June 21 Kalinka Dance Troupe (Russian Dance & Music)

The Kalinka Russian Dance Ensemble of Baltimore consists of 9 enthusiastic performers ages 16-35 with rich previous experience and training in different forms of dance. Kalinka performs Russian and Ukrainian character dances and those of other parts of the former Soviet Union.

June 28 Paul Reisler & A Thousand Questions Featuring Howard Levy (Folk/Roots)

When it comes to the music, there is no question. The music made by Paul Reisler & A Thousand Questions is music for the sheer joy of making great music. The Washington Post says it "climbs up the Blue Ridge and down to the bayou and back up the Himalaya's."



PAUL REISLER

Flamenco: Flamenco is a non-western genre of song, dance and music now mostly found in Spain. It features unusual rhythm patterns and use of guitar accompaniment, and is a rare example of music, singing and dance interacting on an improvisational level with dance serving as a musical instrument (percussion). Flamenco combines intensity, melancholy, pride and joy of life.

Come to see 'Arte Flamenco' on August 30!

JULY

July 5 Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra (Irish/Celtic)

A marriage of other-worldly Celtic beauty and rockin' electric jigs and reels. The Ocean Orchestra, directed by award-winning composer/arranger Jennifer Cutting, plays Celtic Music for Ancient Moderns. This acoustic-electric big band is a Who's Who of the Brightest stars of Washington-area Celtic and pop music including Grace Griffith, Lisa Moscattiello, Zan McLeod, Dave Abe, Rico Petrucci and Chris Stewart.



JENNIFER CUTTING'S OCEAN ORCHESTRA

July 12 Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers (Rock)

Like all good songwriters, Kellogg makes it look easy. His lyrics use ordinary language, but every song contains a flash of insight or a turn of phrase that will jolt listeners into an altered state. As Kellogg sings in "See You Later, See You Soon," the album is full of "singular moments you'll remember as long as you live."

July 19 Chopteeth (Afrofunk)

Chopteeth is a 14-piece afrofunk orchestra that builds on some of the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African popular music on the planet. The core of the Chopteeth sound, Afrobeat, is a spicy stew of modern jazz, Yoruba tribal music and burning rhythms.

July 26 Terpsichore: Elke Baker (fiddle) & Liz Donaldson (piano) (Scottish Music)

You don't have to be a Scot to find your foot tapping to the irresistible rhythms of stirring reels and haunting strathspeys. Come to a concert of Scottish music and participate in the dancing.

AUGUST

August 2 Squeeze Bayou (Cajun)

Squeeze Bayou Cajun Band, based in the D.C. area, plays traditional Cajun and zydeco dance music from Southwestern Louisiana, specializing in two steps and waltzes. Their music reflects a blend of many styles including country music, blues and Creole.

August 9 The Chu Shan Chinese Opera Institute of Washington DC (Chinese)

Chinese opera can be traced back 3,000 years, with elements of song and dance, religious ritual, court music, acrobatics, puppetry and shadow plays, balladry and farce. The Washington Chu Shan Chinese Opera Institute emphasizes the historical and geographical diversity of Chinese opera and performing arts by presenting works of various genres from North and South Mainland China as well as Taiwan.

August 16 Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel Klezmer Band! (Klezmer)

Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel Klezmer Band! brings together the hottest musicians in the Washington area who play a variety of klezmer, Yiddish, Chassidic, and Israeli dance tunes as well as classical, American standards, Broadway and rock.

August 23 Randy Barrett (Folk/Bluegrass)

Randy Barrett is a triple-threat standout; top shelf songwriter, award-winning vocalist, and stellar instrumentalist on guitar and banjo. His soulful baritone earned him four Washington Area Music Association awards (WAMMIE) for Best Male Vocalist in the Bluegrass and Traditional Folk categories.

August 30 Arte Flamenco (Flamenco Dance & Music)

Arte Flamenco is an exciting company of dancers, musicians and singers. Their presentation captures the imagination with a combination of sound and movement alternately light and dark, somber and joyful, lighthearted and proudly serious.

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JUNE

June 2 Billy Coulter (Roots/Rock)

Award-winning singer/songwriter Billy Coulter and his band are consistently nominated for Washington Area Music Awards for their brand of roots-rock. Their music seems as familiar as classic rock but is refreshingly new. Music Monthly calls them "straight forward and gimmick free. A rock force to be reckoned with."

June 9 Mama Jama (Reggae, Caribbean)

Mama Jama has a hybrid juju-reggae-funk sound. "We're a party band," says drummer Larry Griffin. "You can't sit down when we play. We just make you feel good."

June 16 Cravin' Dogs (Roots/Rock)

Cravin' Dogs began as a "gonzo-folk" trio in 1986. They have evolved into an all-original, eclectic, rootsy, rock/pop-outfit that has played over 1000 shows and released seven full-length albums and two compilation retrospectives.

June 23 Joe 'GRKMANIA' Grkman Band (Polka)

Do what Joe Grkman does: Jump out of your chair, grab a partner and dance a little polka. The sprightly beat of Slovenian folk music and the strains of the button box accordion are better than a six-pack of Prozac for breaking up the dark clouds over your head.

June 30 J.P. McDermott and Western Bop (Country)

Prepare for the socks to be knocked out from under your boots and blue suede shoes by J.P. McDermott and Western Bop. Their music has enough heart and soul to bring a tear to the eye and spring to the step of the most die-hard music lover!

JULY

July 7 Deanna Bogart (Roots/Blues)

Downbeat Magazine describes Deanna Bogart as "an extravagant entertainer." Bogart, a blues and boogie pianist/saxophonist, combines the energy of 1930's style boogie piano blues with contemporary blues sounds. "The goal when we play live," says Bogart, "is to create a fusion of all these different musical styles, with the blues and boogie genuinely at the core."



DEANNA BOGART

July 14 The Nighthawks (Rockabilly)

The Nighthawks have earned a reputation as one of the best and hardest working bands around, acclaimed for being one of the first and best white boy blues bands of their generation and for putting on a great live show.

July 21 Russikye Musikanti (Russian)

Russikye Musikanti presents a program of traditional Russian and Ukrainian music. Their repertory includes folk songs, gypsy tunes, Cossack songs and more, a musical mix that demonstrates the cultural diversity of this vast Eastern European region.

July 28 Adrienne Young & Little Sadie (Bluegrass)

AYLS has been voted best acoustic artist for 2005 in the Nashville Scene! "Young avoids the old-time music trap of imitating bygone styles by bringing contemporary melodies and lyrical ideals to arrangements that still draw on hoedowns and the earthy side of folk music."



ADRIENNE YOUNG & LITTLE SADIE

AUGUST

August 4 Esencia Tropical (Salsa)

Esencia Tropical is a new Salsa band in the Washington area. Esencia Tropical got their reputation at the South Beach Cafe in Bethesda where they performed every Thursday night in front of Salsa dance classes, instructors and other appreciative aficionados.

August 11 Junkyard Saints (Zydeco)

Junkyard Saints is a DC/Baltimore-based seven-piece band performing its own brand of New Orleans-style party music – blending funk, swing, Latin, R&B and a bit o' zydeco to round out the mix.

August 18 Pietasters (Ska)

The Pietasters are an 8 piece ska band from the DC/Maryland/Virginia area. They play passionate music inspired by real life. They have a timeless sound that is relevant in any era.



PIETASTERS

August 25 Art Sherrod, Jr. (Jazz)

Smooth Jazz Saxophone – Welcome to music's newest saxophonist extraordinaire. Art Sherrod, Jr.'s music is a celebration of the awesome talents and smooth, musical stylings of the hottest new jazz artist around.



ART SHERROD, JR.

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